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Illegal Protest Activity: Update for International Partners

Overview

- The RCMP continues to provide around-the-clock assistance to the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) through the enhanced Integrated Command Centre. This collaboration is helping us to bolster resources and the enforcement response. A clear and actionable plan has been developed and is underway to bring about a safe and peaceful end to the unlawful protests continuing in downtown Ottawa.
- Significant police action is underway to address illegal protests in Ottawa and elsewhere in Canada.
- Over the past two weeks, blockades at the Ambassador Bridge in Ontario, at Emerson in Manitoba, at Coutts in Alberta and in Quebec City near legislative building were handled peacefully in a few hours or days. At Coutts in Alberta, some individuals were charged and weapons found. For more, see news release: <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2022/alberta-rcmp-make-arrests-coutts-border-blockade>
- The situation in Ottawa remains. A major police operation is ongoing. This action is being led by local police of jurisdiction supported by police from across Canada, including RCMP members.
- A large secured area has been established in Ottawa, encompassing much of the downtown core. Government offices are largely closed and highway access and some mass transit in the core has been reduced. Access is limited to individuals with a legitimate reason to be there and controlled by police checkpoints.
- These measures are expected to remain in place for days. Ongoing police operations are sequenced and focused on addressing protesters; they will continue by removing heavy trucks blocking main city streets.
- Banks have started to freeze personal and corporate accounts linked to the demonstrations.
- A number of main organizers and individuals of concern were arrested starting Thursday evening, with many additional arrests ongoing. So far, protesters are not resisting significantly when apprehended. There continues to be a presence of children amongst protesters.
- The RCMP, through the Canadian Police Information Center, has encouraged all Canadian police agencies to log individuals arrested and released, charged and released, or suspected to be involved with illegal activities on CPIC as a means of facilitate information sharing. This should facilitate future queries from international partners.
- The Canada Police Information Center allows US agencies access to CPIC data in accordance with a Memorandum of Cooperation and Federal Privacy Laws. Other international partners can make requests for information via established channels such as Liaison Officers, EUROPOL and INTERPOL channels; these will be assessed and addressed promptly.

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- The RCMP continues to develop intelligence on those suspected to be involved with illegal activities, with an overarching focus on identifying risks to public safety both in Canada and abroad.
- The RCMP's Joint Intelligence Group on Illegal Protest Activities is not aware of any specific threat intelligence suggesting imminent risk of public safety at present [as of 14:00 2022-02-18]. See attached products from the JIG.
- Numerous protest events are planned across Canada for this coming weekend [2022-02-19 and 2022-02-20]. Planning is underway vis-à-vis each of these.
- We continue to track convoy-style protests around the world likely inspired by events in Ottawa.
- Please send any requests for information to Irrelevant
- RCMP has also started a webpage dedicated to information on unfolding events: www.blockade.rcmp.ca. The website of the Ottawa Police service leading the operation is www.ottawapolice.ca.

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